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PRESIDENT ROBAK PRESIDING

PRESIDENT ROBAK: (Microphone not activated) ...for the fifty-fourth day of the Ninety-third Legislature, Second Session. Our chaplain for the day is Pastor Douglas Roberts of the Northwest Hills Church in Omaha, from Senator Pirsch's district. Pastor Roberts.

PASTOR ROBERTS: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Pastor Roberts. Will the senators please record their presence.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Madam President and members, I would like to make an announcement this morning. I'm sure you've seen the board up there that says, welcome to your Legislature, Scottsbluff. Scottsbluff, as the result of NEB\*SAT, ETV and TCI Cable Company, one of those public-private partnerships that works so well in our state, we are now able in Scottsbluff to receive gavel to gavel coverage for the rest of this session. And this will be a continuing process. I think this is a point where our state definitely has become shorter, those miles are shrinking in access that we constantly talk about as becoming greater and greater throughout the State of Nebraska. I would like to welcome the people in Scottsbluff that have tuned in this morning. Hopefully, you will be able to stay with us throughout the rest of the session. I think it's an opportunity for western Nebraska and throughout the state that they become more involved with the process, more aware of what it is we do down here in our State Capitol. Lincoln and Omaha currently are the only cities that are...that have access to Educable. So, with that, I would welcome Scottsbluff and would ask my fellow senators to be on their best behavior today as western Nebraska will view them.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Welcome, Scottsbluff, and thank you, Senator Hillman, for the efforts that you have done to make this possible. We're pleased that they are joining us today. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. I also wish to make a few comments and also welcome Scottsbluff to what I hope is going to be a growing network of communities across the State of Nebraska who are able to view the Legislature with gavel to gavel coverage. This is, in part, the culmination of a very